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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I request funding for Lake Charles Food Bank Facility Expansion in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana, located at 700 Edwards Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123. The funding would be used for the equipping of an existing warehouse to meet the standards of a food distribution center. The funding will help fund the costs of building renovations, cold storage, equipment, trucks, and start-up operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because one in seven people in Southwest Louisiana are food insecure, and this new food bank facility will help Second Harvest meet the increased needs forecasted over the next few years during the long-term recovery after Hurricanes Laura and Delta and be better prepared for the next disaster.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Member of Congress